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# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

# JANUARY 2013

#### Dear Friends,

A new year is upon us and with it are lots of opportunities to engage in your community. At the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, January is when we begin the new year, and embrace the policies of the Milwaukee County Budget. Additionally, we continue to do the people's work in our standing monthly committee meetings. I invite you to watch our meetings online here.

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### Milwaukee County News Updates

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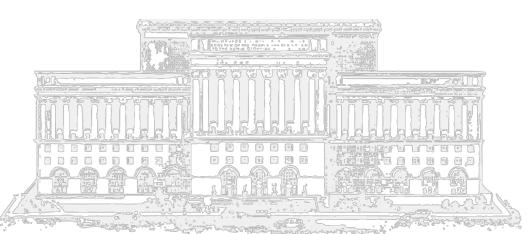
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Slice of Ice at Red Arrow Park

Milwaukee Art Museum Exhibition Changes



# Milwaukee County News Updates

### **December County Board Meeting News**

### **COUNTY BOARD IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY, SAVES TAXPAYERS \$425,000**

Board approves three-year, shared services partnership with City of Milwaukee

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce that it has approved a three-year agreement with the City of Milwaukee to have the city handle all emergency 911 calls placed in the city.

The agreement between the municipalities, which sets a precedent for future shared services, provides Milwaukee County taxpayers with \$425,000 in savings during the next three years.

"This deal is a significant win for the people of both Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee," noted Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. "The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is always open to exploring shared services where there is benefit to all involved, and this arrangement is a strong example of getting it right."

In the 2013 Milwaukee County Budget, the Board adopted a policy in the interest of public safety to have the City of Milwaukee answer emergency calls originating within the municipality.

"This agreement of shared services is evidence of what we can do when leaders and branches of government work together," explained Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "I look forward to continuing to partner with the County Executive in 2013 and to more intergovernmental cooperation in the future."

Following discussions with City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and County Executive Chris Abele, the Board recognized the value in deliberating and vetting a longer -term agreement. The agreement approved by the Board becomes effective January 1, 2013 through January 1, 2016 and includes the option of a two-year extension through January 1, 2018.

### MILWAUKE COUNTY BOARD SAVES TAXPAYERS MORE THAN \$15 MILLION BY REFORMING PENSION **BACKDROP**

Board approves resolution to "Cap the Backdrop" authored by Supervisor Lipscomb

Milwaukee County Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic is pleased to support her colleague, Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., who authored a resolution to "Cap the Backdrop," which has a \$15 million present value to the pension fund.

"I thank the Pension Study Committee for addressing this issue at its last meeting," said Supervisor Lipscomb. "The County Board's action sends a strong message to taxpayers, who deserve trustworthy leadership and smart stewardship of shared resources."

The vote in favor of reform was strong, with more than two-thirds approving the resolution (15–3).

The proposal authored by Supervisor Lipscomb does not take away any pension benefits already earned but does limit future accrual of the backdrop.

Supervisor Lipscomb first introduced his proposal in the fall of 2010 through a budget amendment, seeking further legal and actuarial analysis of the strategies to limit the pension backdrop.

This decision is the latest in a series of major changes adopted by the County Board to strengthen the pension fund and to save money.

# Chairwoman's Corner

#### A Year in Review: The 2012 Chat With the Chair Series

As we celebrate the beginning of the new year, I would like to share with you some accomplishments from the start of this very busy term.

Following is a collection of photographs from the 2012 Chat with the Chair series, beginning in June at the Franklin City Hall continuing through December and concluding with the final chat at the Bayside Village Hall.

I look forward to continuing this conversation during this upcoming year.

For more information on the Chat with the Chair series, please visit my website: county.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic





Above: Franklin **Below: Fox Point**  Top Right: St. Francis Middle Right: Brown Deer Bottom Right: Oak Creek







# Chairwoman's Corner



Above: Wauwatosa Middle: Glendale Bottom: Milwaukee (Domes)

Top Right: Milwaukee (Washington Park) Middle Right: West Allis Bottom Right: Shorewood











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## In the District

### Winter Newsletter Online

If you did not receive a copy of our printed winter newsletter, you can now see a copy of it online. Click Here!

# Save the Date

#### Music Under Glass

Join us at the Milwaukee County Domes, in Mitchell Park, for the Music Under Glass Concert Series. Every Thursday in January from 6:30-9 pm.

### Slice of Ice at Red Arrow Park

Winter is upon us, and with it comes winter sports. Be sure to stop at Red Arrow Park for some ice skating at the slice of ice!

### **MAM** Exhibit Transitions

Come visit the Art Museum, before this exhibit closes! The Milwaukee Art Museum is delighted to be one of four museums in the United States to present "Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Gainsborough: The Treasures of Kenwood House, London," an exhibition of 48 masterpieces on tour from the Iveagh Bequest collection.

This exhibit closes on January 13th, 2013.